

FISCAL NOTE

HB 3205 - SB 3502

February 2, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits any business which provides medical services from selling cigarettes. Defines “medical services” as operating a health clinic, providing health care, and/or prescribing medications. A violation is a Class C misdemeanor.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

State Revenue – Net Impact – Not Significant
Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Local Gov’t. Revenue – Net Impact – Not Significant
Increase Local Gov’t. Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- The Department of Health Division of Health Related Boards will handle enforcement responsibilities through monitoring during their regular licensure and permitting inspection activities. Such will not result in a significant increase in state expenditures.
- Any increase in investigations as a result of the legislation will not be significant and can be completed within the regular schedule of inspections.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 4-3-1011 and 63-1-137, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period.
- There will not be a significant fiscal impact to cigarette tax collections.
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for local governments to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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